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Note from the Chair for the Steering Group Meeting on 15 December 2021

Dear Colleagues,

Our meeting on 15 December 2021 will focus on the “African Perspective”. I am very pleased that Francis Kariuki and Tembinkosi Bonakele agreed to present the pressing issues and latest developments in Kenya and South Africa from digital to COVID-19.

We will start the meeting with a preview of the 2022 Annual Conference based on the week at a glance document and a look back at the 2021 Annual Conference based on the evaluation report. The Portuguese AdC will bring in the lessons learned from the successful Cartel workshop and we will discuss what we can take from the virtual Budapest conference and the hybrid Lisbon workshop to Berlin. An update on the hybrid Advocacy Workshop which will be hosted by the Spanish Comisión Nacional de los Mercados y la Competencia in Barcelona on 9 – 11 February 2022 will be presented at the SG meeting in January.

We will then turn to the SG project “Competition law enforcement at the intersection between competition, consumer protection, and privacy”. The project team will present a report which summarises ICN member actions and policy responses to key intersection issues, based on survey responses from ICN member jurisdictions, and were provided from the perspective of members as competition agencies. The report identifies common themes and trends and outlines the proposed next steps for the project.

The ICN Horizontal Coordinator will present the final report on the working group work plans. As always, my thanks go to the ACCC for compiling this very important document.

I look forward to speaking with you next Wednesday.

Best wishes,

Andreas Mundt